What is claimed is:

1. A security system comprising:

a camera configured to generate a video signal;

an object recognition system coupled to said camera and configured to receive said video signal; and

a portable personal digital assistant (PDA) wirelessly coupled to said object recognition system and said camera.

2. The security system of claim 1, said system further comprising a video recorder for recording said video signal.

3. The security system of claim 2, wherein said video recorder is wirelessly coupled to said PDA.

4. The security system of claim 1, wherein said PDA comprises a video display configured to display said video signal from said camera.

5. The security system of claim 1, wherein said camera is directed to a surveillance area, and wherein said object recognition system comprises a computer configured to provide a detection signal in response to an object entering said surveillance area.

6. The security system of claim 5, said system further comprising a video recorder configured to receive said video signal from said camera and being responsive to said detection signal to record said video signal to create a recorded video segment.

7. The security system of claim 6, wherein object recognition system further comprises a database, said database comprising stored data associated with each of a plurality of identified objects, said computer further configured to compare data representative of said object entering said surveillance area with said stored data.

8. The security system of claim 7, wherein said video recorder is configured to discard said recorded video segment if said data representative of said object entering said surveillance area does not match said stored data associated with at least one of said plurality of identified objects.

9. The security system of claim 7, wherein said video recorder is configured to store said recorded video segment if said data representative of said object entering said surveillance area matches said stored data associated with at least one of said plurality of identified objects.

10. The security system of claim 1, wherein said camera is directed to a surveillance area and wherein said object recognition system is configured to provide an identification signal to said PDA if data representative of an object entering said surveillance area matches stored data associated with at least one of a plurality of identified objects.

11. The security system of claim 10, wherein said PDA is responsive to said identification signal to provide an alarm signal.

12. The system of claim 10, said system further comprising a video recorder, and wherein said object recognition system is configured to provide said identification signal to said video recorder, said video recorder being responsive to said identification signal provide recorded video to said PDA.

13. The system of claim 1, said system further comprising at least one peripheral device coupled to said network for wireless communication with said PDA.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device comprises an access control system.

15. The system of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device comprises a metal detector.

16. The system of claim 13, wherein said peripheral device comprises an alarm.

17. The system of claim 1, said wherein said PDA comprises at least one data collection device.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein said data collection device comprises a barcode scanner.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein said data collection device comprises a digital camera.

20. The system of claim 17, wherein said data collection device comprises a proximity card detector.

21. A method of providing security information, said method comprising:

generating live video of a surveillance area;

communicating said live video via a wireless connection to a portable personal digital assistant (PDA); and

displaying said live video on said PDA.

22. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

detecting entry of an object into said surveillance area; and

providing an indication of said entry of said object into said surveillance area to said PDA.

23. The method of claim 21, said method further comprising:

comparing data representative of an object entering said surveillance area with stored data; and

providing a signal to said PDA in response to said comparing step.

24. The method of claim 21, further comprising:

detecting entry of an object into said surveillance area; and

recording said live video in response to entry of said object into said surveillance area to create a recorded video segment.

25. The method of claim 24, said method further comprising displaying said recorded video segment on said PDA.

26. The method of claim 25, said method further comprising stopping said display of said live video on said PDA.

27. The method of claim 24, said method further comprising comparing data representative of said object with stored data.

28. The method of claim 27, said method further comprising discarding said recorded video segment in response to said comparing step.

29. The method of claim 27, wherein said method further comprising saving said recorded video in response to said comparing step.

30. The method of claim 27, said method further comprising providing data associated with said object to said PDA.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein said data comprises an image file representative of said object.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein said object comprises a human.

33. A method of providing security information, said method comprising:

operating a camera to capture an image of an object;

comparing data representative of said object with stored data; and

providing a signal to a portable digital assistant (PDA) in response to said comparing step.

34. The method of claim 33, wherein said image comprises a video image.

35. The method of claim 33, said method further comprising displaying said image on said PDA.

36. The method of claim 33, wherein said signal comprises an alarm signal.

37. The method of claim 33, further comprising:

detecting entry of said object into a surveillance area; and

providing an indication of said entry of said object into said surveillance area at said PDA.

38. The method of claim 37, further comprising recording said live video in response to said detecting step to create a recorded video segment.

39. The method of claim 38, said method further comprising discarding said recorded video segment in response to said comparing step.

40. The method of claim 38, said method further comprising saving said recorded video in response to said comparing step.

41. The method of claim 33, wherein said signal comprises data associated with said object.

42. The method of claim 41, wherein said data comprises an image file representative of said object.

43. The method of claim 33, wherein said object comprises a human.